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HIGHLIGHTS

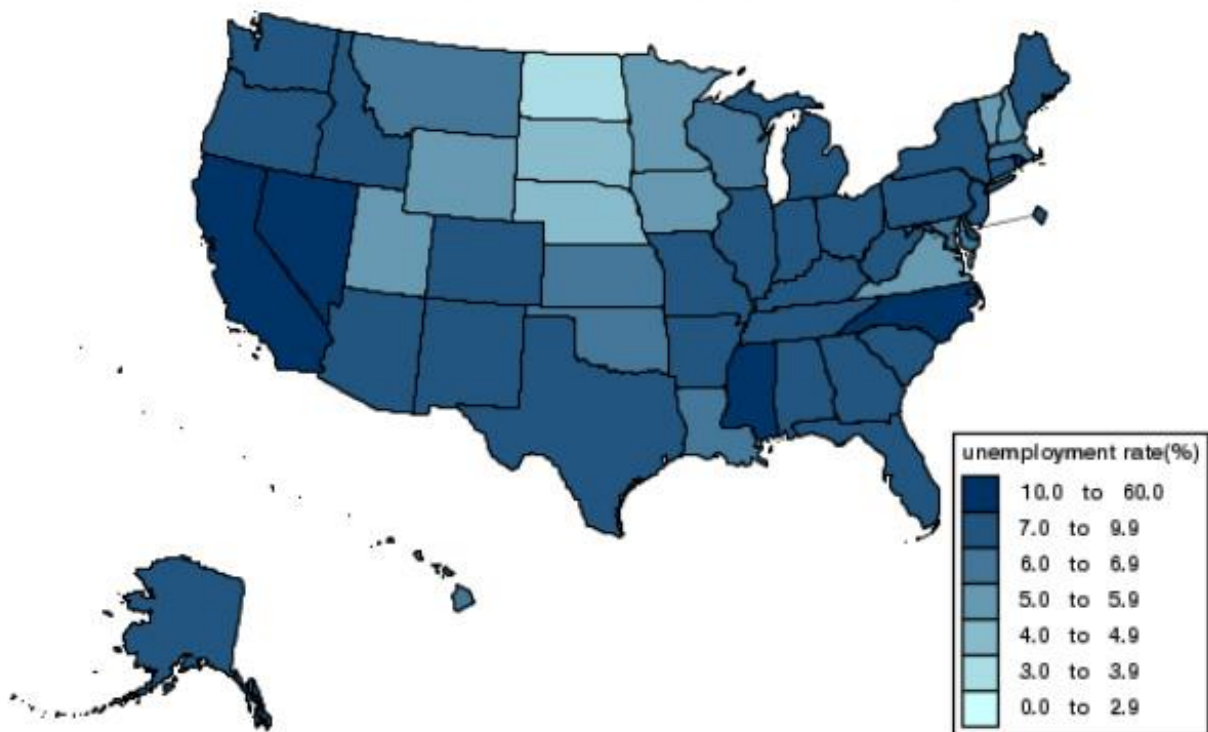
- Kentucky's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate reached a three-year low of 8.8 percent in January 2012. This is welcome relief from the 10.0 or higher rates experienced in 26 of the last 36-months. Kentucky was one of 45 states, including the District of Columbia, to record a decrease in unemployment from the previous month. The national unemployment rate of 8.3 percent also trended downwards. (See details in the January 2012 press release.)
- Total nonfarm payroll employment for the state was up by a seasonally adjusted 0.4 percent, with the addition of 7,600 workers compared to December. That makes January the eighth successive month with an increase in nonfarm employment. The gain from January a year ago is a more substantial 1.6 percent, with an increase of 27,800 jobs. Nonfarm employment increased in 37 states, and decreased in 14 states including the District of Columbia.
- The average weekly earnings of all workers in manufacturing industries decreased from \$864.27 in January 2011 to \$839.26 in January 2012. The average also declined on an hourly basis: from \$21.34 in January 2011 to \$20.57 a year later.
- All five of Kentucky's metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs) had a decline in unemployment rates from a year ago. The Lexington MSA had the lowest unemployment rate at 7.9 percent and the Louisville MSA had the highest at 8.9 percent.
- In the Bowling Green MSA total nonfarm employment increased by 500 from January a year ago for a gain of 0.9%.
- In the Elizabethtown MSA total nonfarm employment dropped by 900 from January a year ago for a decline of 1.9 percent.
- The Lexington-Fayette MSA had a net increase of 800 nonfarm jobs between January 2011 and January 2012, for an increase of 0.3 percent.
- Total nonfarm employment in the Louisville-Jefferson County MSA reached 599,100 with the addition of 15,100 jobs in January 2012.
- Nonfarm employment in the Owensboro MSA rose by 1,100 for a gain of 2.2 percent from January a year ago.
- Kentucky's average weekly claims for unemployment insurance decreased from 58,105 in January 2011 to 47,464 in January 2012. The rate of insured unemployment dropped from 3.4 percent a year ago to 2.8 percent in January 2012.
- The employment situation improved in all ten Workforce Investment Areas with a decline in the unemployment rate from January 2011 to January 2012. Barren River showed the greatest improvement in terms of change in percentage points with the unemployment rate falling from 11.2 percent to 9.4 percent from January a year ago.

Total Employment and Unemployment (Household Survey Data)

Kentucky's employment situation improved in January as the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell to 8.8 percent from the 9.9 percent recorded a year earlier. This is the lowest unemployment rate since January 2009. The corresponding U.S. jobless rate decreased from 9.1 percent in January 2011 to 8.3 percent in January 2012. In the intervening period the unemployment rate peaked at 11.1 percent in July and August 2009 and then began a fairly steady decline as the economy strengthened. The unemployment rate had been 10.0 percent or over for 26 of the last 36-months.

Kentucky currently has the 14th highest unemployment rate among the fifty states and the District of Columbia. North Dakota has the lowest rate, 3.2 percent, and Nevada the highest, 12.7 percent. Among the seven contiguous states only Illinois has a higher unemployment rate, 9.4 percent, than Kentucky, while Virginia has the lowest rate, 5.8 percent.

Unemployment rates by State, seasonally adjusted, January 2012



Unemployment statistics are based on estimates and are compiled to measure trends rather than actually to count people working. Civilian labor force statistics include non-military workers and unemployed Kentuckians who are actively seeking work. They do not include unemployed Kentuckians who have not looked for employment within the past four weeks.

You may read the Bureau of Labor Statistics January press release [here](#). Seasonally adjusted current unemployment rates for all states are located [here](#). To create custom unemployment rate maps you may visit the [BLS LAUS maps page](#).

KENTUCKY - Seasonally Adjusted Employment Data

	Jan 2012	Dec 2011	Jan 2011	OVER-the-MONTH		OVER-the-YEAR	
				Change	Rate	Change	Rate
Civilian Labor Force	2,066,349	2,069,043	2,069,616	-2,694	-0.1%	-3,267	-0.1%
Employment	1,884,484	1,883,186	1,864,899	1,298	0.1%	19,585	0.1%
Unemployment	181,865	185,857	204,717	-3,992	-2.1%	-22,852	-2.1%
Unemployment Rate (percent)	8.8%	9.0%	9.9%	-0.2%	-	-1.1%	-
U.S. Unemployment Rate	8.3%	8.5%	9.1%	-0.2%	-	-0.8%	-

Payroll Employment (Establishment Survey Data)

Preliminary estimates for January show that since December the state has added 7,600 nonfarm employment jobs for a current seasonally adjusted employment level of 1,811,900, or 0.4 percent. Overall Kentucky has created 27,800 jobs from a year ago for a gain of 1.6 percent. During the recent economic downturn the state lost a total of 120,400 nonfarm jobs between June 2007 and February 2010. Kentucky has now recouped 61,200, or over half of those lost jobs. Nationally, nonfarm employment was up by 0.2 percent from December with the addition of 275,000 jobs. Compared to a year ago U.S. employment was up by 2.0 million or 1.5 percent.

Goods producing industries employed a total of 306,300 and account for about one in five jobs. In January 2012 these industries grew by 2.2 percent with the addition of 6,700 jobs from a year ago. Service providing industries, excluding government, added 25,400 jobs and grew by 2.2 percent during the same period. Seven of Kentucky's eleven major nonfarm sectors, referred to as supersectors, registered gains in employment, while three showed declines, and one, mining, remained flat. Seasonally adjusted employment data shows that the largest increase in employment was in the professional and business services supersector, up 13,100 jobs, or 7.1 percent from a year ago. The financial activities supersector had the largest decline in the private sector with a loss of 1,900 jobs.

Nationally, the mining sector had the highest percentage increase in employment from a year ago: up 12.7 percent, with addition of 94,000 jobs. Professional and business services had the largest numerical gain with 599,000 new positions from a year ago.

A complete detail of Kentucky's non-farm employment is included in the table on page 7.

Hours and Earnings of Workers in Selected Industries

Average hourly earnings of employees in the private sector increased from \$19.98 in January 2011 to \$20.20 in January 2012. With hours worked effectively remaining flat at 34.8 hours per week, average weekly earnings moved up by 1.7 percent to \$702.96 compared to \$691.31 a year ago. Employees in the professional and business services supersector were hit the hardest as average hourly earnings dropped to \$20.62 per hour in January 2012 from \$22.16 in January 2011. Combined with a slight drop in hours worked it caused average weekly earnings to drop by \$68.64 to \$711.39 in January. This is the twelfth consecutive month of declining year-over-year average weekly earnings in professional and business services. In contrast to the declining earnings in both manufacturing, and professional and business services, the education and health services supersector posted strong gains in average weekly earnings rising from \$756.11 in January 2011 to \$862.92 in January 2012.

Hours and earnings data are not seasonally adjusted. Data can only be compared for the same month a year ago, and not for successive months. Additional detail on hours and earnings is available from the table on page 9 of this publication.

MSA Employment

The map on page 10 details the change in total nonfarm employment in the five major metropolitan statistical areas (MSA) from January 2011 to January 2012.

Kentucky has five MSAs that have their core urban areas based within the state. Three MSAs, Bowling Green, Elizabethtown, and Owensboro, have civilian labor force of around sixty thousand. The other two are substantially larger: Lexington is about 240,000 and Louisville is 645,000. Labor force data, estimated from the household survey, is quite robust for the two larger MSAs. It typically moves in the same direction as nonfarm employment data derived from the establishment survey. In examining MSA data it is important to realize that during a structural shift in the economy—as often happens during and immediately after a recession—the data from the two surveys will not always move in the same direction for the smaller MSAs.

The unemployment rate improved in all five of the MSAs compared to a year ago. Bowling Green saw the biggest change with a drop from 10.7 percent in January 2011 to 8.9 percent in January 2012. Lexington's 7.9 percent unemployment rate was the lowest among the MSAs. With the exception of Louisville and Owensboro, the other three MSAs showed a decline in the labor force. This could be attributed to several factors including migration, or temporarily dropping out of the labor force to acquire new jobs skills. The largest employment gains, from the household survey, were in Louisville (up 11,250) and Lexington (up 852). The Elizabethtown MSA had a decline in total employment.

Total nonfarm employment in the Bowling Green MSA increased by 0.9 percent to 58,400 from a year ago. Nonfarm employment has increased consistently for the last 22 months. The net gain in jobs was 500 with the largest increase in professional and business services (up 500, or 6.9 percent). Other sectors with notable employment growth include manufacturing (up 300, or 3.9 percent); the combined mining and construction sectors (up 300, or 13.0 percent); and leisure and hospitality (up 200, or 3.4 percent). There was a net loss of 1,000 positions, or 21.0 percent in the combined supersectors of information, financial services, and other services. (The supersector "other services" includes repair and maintenance, personal and laundry, as well as religious, civic, and other organizations.)

The Elizabethtown MSA lost 900 nonfarm jobs in January from a year ago. Elizabethtown has had five successive months of decline. The loss of 1.9 percent of the nonfarm base was the largest proportional decline among the five MSAs. A combination of three supersectors, information, financial, and other services, accounted for the loss of 600 jobs. Trade, transportation, and utilities declined by 200 positions. The goods producing industries: mining, construction, and manufacturing, were the only supersectors to post job gains, for a total of 200 jobs between January 2011 and January 2012.

The Lexington-Fayette MSA is the second largest in the state and is comprised of six counties: Bourbon, Clark, Fayette, Jessamine, Scott and Woodford. Nonfarm employment increased by 800 jobs, or 0.3 percent, in January from a year ago. The leisure and hospitality supersector had the largest employment gain with the addition of 1,000 jobs. The trade, transportation and utilities supersector account for almost one in five of all nonfarm jobs in Lexington. Employment in this supersector increased by 500 jobs, or 1.1 percent, from January a year ago. Five of the eleven supersectors posted year-over-year declines. These ranged from a drop of 500 jobs in information, to a loss of 100 jobs in the combined mining and construction supersectors.

The Louisville-Jefferson County MSA is by far the largest MSA and includes nine Kentucky counties (Bullitt, Henry, Jefferson, Meade, Nelson, Oldham, Shelby, Spencer, and Trimble) as well as four counties in Indiana. Louisville has had 17-months of steady increase in nonfarm employment. In January total nonfarm employment was up by 15,100 or 2.6 percent from a year ago. The professional and business services supersector posted the largest employment gain with the addition of 5,400 jobs or an increase of 7.6 percent from January a year ago. Most of these jobs were in the areas of administrative and support service (5,100). The other major gains were in professional and business services (up 5,400, or 7.6 percent); trade, transportation, and utilities (up 4,100, or 3.1 percent); and manufacturing (up 700, or 1.1 percent). Four supersectors posted job losses. The largest decline was in government with a decline of 1,200 positions.

The Owensboro MSA has posted job gains for 22 successive months. In January 2012 the employment base increased by 1,100 from a year ago and averaged 50,700 positions. The largest increase was in professional and business services (up 400, or 11.4 percent), followed by mining and construction (up 300, or 13.6 percent). Two of the supersectors, financial activities and other services, posted declines totaling 400 positions.

Consumer Price Index

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) increased by 0.2 percent in January on a seasonally adjusted basis. Compared to January a year ago CPI was up 2.9 percent, dampening slightly from December's 3.0 percent increase. The core CPI, which includes all items except food and energy, was up by 2.7 percent on an annualized basis, in January. The typically volatile energy index was up just 1.9 percent on an annualized basis, primarily in response to lower household energy costs.

The food index rose 2.0 percent in January as prices of fruits and vegetables fell steeply because of the mild weather. Food away from home, essentially restaurant food, went up by 4.3 percent. Transportation costs rose by 3.5 percent in response to a 10.7 percent increase in motor fuels.

Unemployment Insurance Statistics

Kentucky's average weekly claims for unemployment insurance decreased from 58,105 in January 2011 to 47,464 in January 2012. The rate of insured unemployment, which is the ratio of average weekly claimants to total insured workers, dropped from 3.4 percent in January 2011 to 2.8 percent in January 2012. The benefit extension criteria are based on the insured unemployment rate. The criteria are met when the insured unemployment rate for the current week is at least 5 percent, and is at least 120 percent of the average of the past two years.

The total benefits paid through the regular unemployment insurance program dropped by almost 14 percent in January 2012 from a year ago: from \$61.3 million in January 2011 to \$52.8 million in January 2012. The annual drop in benefits paid was more dramatic. It showed a decline of 19.8 percent, from \$690.1 million in 2010 to \$553.2 million in 2011. At the same time contributions in the form of employer taxes increased from \$422.4 million in 2010 to \$443.3 million in 2011.

Average Weekly Claims

	Current Month	Year Ago	Difference
January-11	58,105	66,919	-8,814
February-11	49,790	69,477	-19,687
March-11	40,901	65,419	-24,518
April-11	38,873	48,656	-9,783
May-11	45,360	47,078	-1,718
June-11	37,298	52,600	-15,302
July-11	38,876	41,045	-2,169
August-11	39,124	49,700	-10,576
September-11	31,773	38,357	-6,584
October-11	36,344	36,721	-377
November-11	33,256	41,696	-8,440
December-11	37,419	39,125	-1,706
January-12	47,464	58,105	-10,641

The weekly claims data is not seasonally adjusted. Data comparisons should be made with the same month a year ago. You may peruse Unemployment Insurance claims data on the [Workforce Kentucky UI page](#).

WIA Unemployment Rates

Kentucky is divided into ten Workforce Investment Areas under the federal Workforce Investment Act of 1998. Improvements in the state and national economies impacted the WIAs as each of them showed a decrease in unemployment and a decline in the unemployment rate. The greatest percentage point decline in the unemployment rate was in Barren River where the unemployment rate went down to 9.4 percent from a high of 11.2 percent a year ago. Both Purchase/Pennyriple and Cumberlands had the smallest change with a 1.0 percentage point drop in the unemployment rate.

Kentucky's statewide unemployment rate and employment levels are seasonally adjusted. Employment statistics undergo sharp fluctuations due to seasonal events, such as weather changes, harvests, holidays, and school openings and closings. Seasonal adjustments eliminate these influences and make it easier to observe statistical trends. However, because of the small sample size, county and Workforce Investment Area unemployment rates are not seasonally adjusted. For comparison purposes, the Kentucky and U.S. rate reported below are not seasonally adjusted.

Unemployment Rate for Workforce Investment Areas

Not Seasonally Adjusted

	January 2012	January 2011	Change from a Year Ago
Purchase/Pennyriple	9.6%	10.6%	-1.0%
Lincoln Trail	10.4%	11.6%	-1.2%
Greater Louisville	9.5%	10.7%	-1.2%
Northern Kentucky	8.5%	9.8%	-1.3%
TENCO	10.0%	11.4%	-1.4%
EKCEP	11.7%	13.1%	-1.4%
Cumberlands	11.1%	12.1%	-1.0%
Bluegrass	8.5%	9.6%	-1.1%
Green River	8.2%	9.5%	-1.3%
Barren River	9.4%	11.2%	-1.8%
Kentucky	9.5%	10.7%	-1.2%
United States	8.8%	9.8%	-1.0%

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Unemployment Rate (percent)	8.8%	9.0%	9.9%	-0.2%	-	-1.1%	-
U.S. Unemployment Rate	8.3%	8.5%	9.1%	-0.2%	-	-0.8%	-
Total Nonfarm Employment	1,811,900	1,804,300	1,784,100	7,600	0.4%	27,800	1.6%
Private Sector Employment	1,484,300	1,476,600	1,452,200	7,700	0.5%	32,100	2.2%
Goods Producing Industries	306,300	303,400	299,600	2,900	1.0%	6,700	2.2%
Mining and Logging	22,000	22,000	22,400	0	0.0%	-400	-1.8%
Construction	68,300	66,500	67,000	1,800	2.7%	1,300	1.9%
Manufacturing	216,000	214,900	210,200	1,100	0.5%	5,800	2.8%
Durable Goods	133,600	131,800	126,300	1,800	1.4%	7,300	5.8%
Non-durable Goods	82,400	83,100	83,900	-700	-0.8%	-1,500	-1.8%
Private Service Providing Industries	1,178,000	1,173,200	1,152,600	4,800	0.4%	25,400	2.2%
Trade, Transportation, & Utilities	369,100	368,200	363,200	900	0.2%	5,900	1.6%
Wholesale Trade	70,400	69,900	71,500	500	0.7%	-1,100	-1.5%
Retail Trade	206,400	203,300	201,100	3,100	1.5%	5,300	2.6%
Transp, Warehousing, & Util.	92,300	95,000	90,600	-2,700	-2.8%	1,700	1.9%
Information	26,700	26,500	27,100	200	0.8%	-400	-1.5%
Financial Activities	83,000	83,500	84,900	-500	-0.6%	-1,900	-2.2%
Finance and Insurance	65,300	65,800	67,100	-500	-0.8%	-1,800	-2.7%
Real Estate, Rental & Leasing	17,700	17,700	17,800	0	0.0%	-100	-0.6%
Professional and Business Service	197,500	193,800	184,400	3,700	1.9%	13,100	7.1%
Prof, Scientific, & Tech Services	72,800	72,100	69,400	700	1.0%	3,400	4.9%
Management of Companies	19,300	19,600	19,400	-300	-1.5%	-100	-0.5%
Admin & Support & Waste Mgmt	105,400	102,100	95,600	3,300	3.2%	9,800	10.3%
Educational & Health Services	258,500	258,900	253,800	-400	-0.2%	4,700	1.9%
Educational Services	32,000	32,100	31,900	-100	-0.3%	100	0.3%
Health Care & Social Assistance	226,500	226,800	221,900	-300	-0.1%	4,600	2.1%
Leisure and Hospitality	172,700	172,300	168,800	400	0.2%	3,900	2.3%
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	18,300	18,600	18,100	-300	-1.6%	200	1.1%
Accommodation & Food Service	154,400	153,700	150,700	700	0.5%	3,700	2.5%
Other Services	70,500	70,000	70,400	500	0.7%	100	0.1%
Government	327,600	327,700	331,900	-100	0.0%	-4,300	-1.3%
Federal	40,500	40,400	41,600	100	0.2%	-1,100	-2.6%
State	99,700	100,300	101,600	-600	-0.6%	-1,900	-1.9%
Local	187,400	187,000	188,700	400	0.2%	-1,300	-0.7%

AE-HOURS & EARNINGS OF ALL EMPLOYEES
BY INDUSTRY IN KENTUCKY
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		AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
		Jan-12	Dec-11	Jan-11	Jan-12	Dec-11	Jan-11	Jan-12	Dec-11	Jan-11
Total Private	5000000	\$702.96	\$688.69	\$691.31	34.8	34.8	34.6	\$20.20	\$19.79	\$19.98
Goods Producing	6000000	\$852.13	\$837.77	\$854.57	40.1	40.2	39.6	\$21.25	\$20.84	\$21.58
Construction	20000000	\$801.83	\$837.32	\$799.30	36.2	37.7	36.2	\$22.15	\$22.21	\$22.08
Manufacturing	30000000	\$839.26	\$816.47	\$864.27	40.8	40.6	40.5	\$20.57	\$20.11	\$21.34
Private Service Providing	8000000	\$663.99	\$649.96	\$649.02	33.4	33.4	33.3	\$19.88	\$19.46	\$19.49
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	40000000	\$618.05	\$612.85	\$619.82	34.8	35	34	\$17.76	\$17.51	\$18.23
Financial Activities	55000000	\$787.30	\$767.50	\$849.86	38.2	36.6	39.4	\$20.61	\$20.97	\$21.57
Professional and Business Services	60000000	\$711.39	\$724.11	\$780.03	34.5	35.1	35.2	\$20.62	\$20.63	\$22.16
Education and Health Services	65000000	\$862.92	\$822.10	\$756.11	34.6	34.6	34.7	\$24.94	\$23.76	\$21.79
Leisure and Hospitality	70000000	\$269.64	\$273.92	\$258.48	25.2	25.2	24	\$10.70	\$10.87	\$10.77

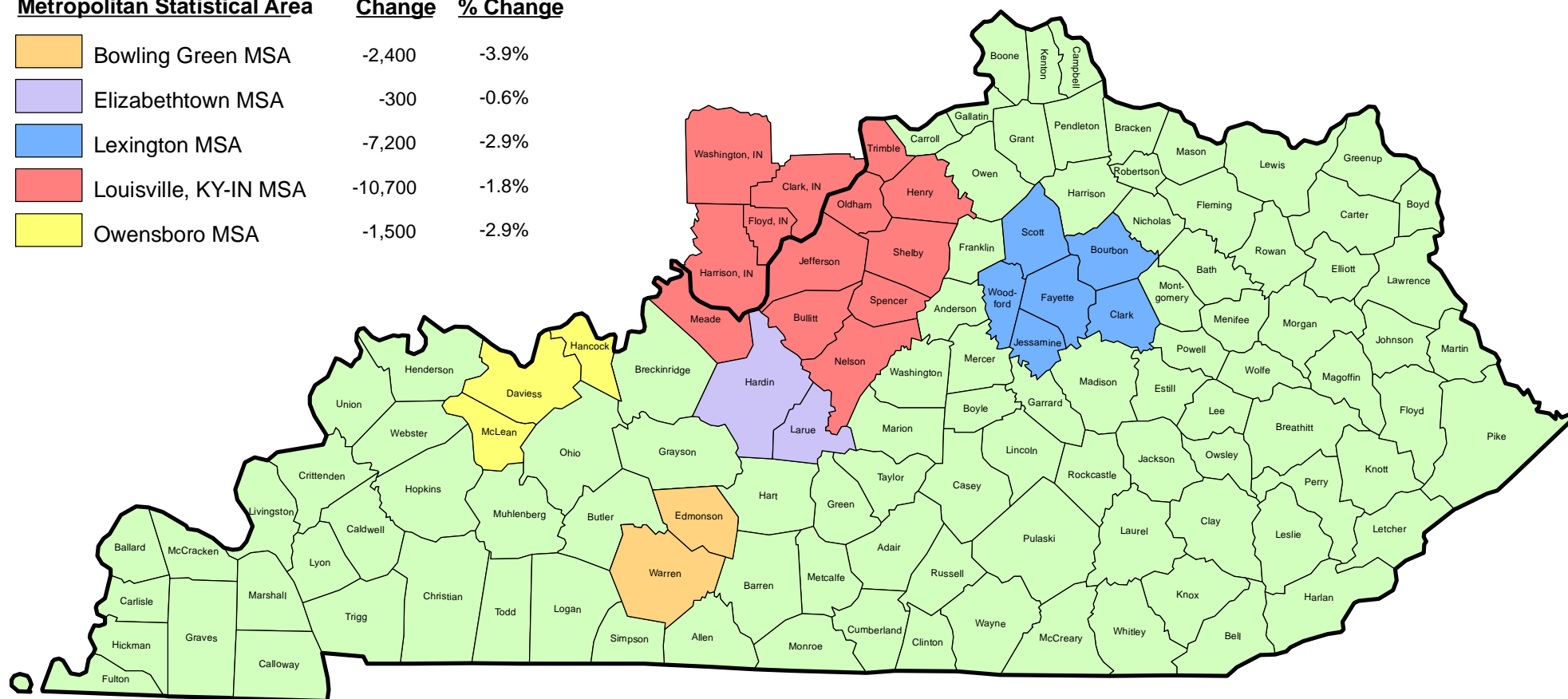
Hours and Earnings data is not seasonally adjusted.

Change in Total Nonfarm Employment by Metropolitan Statistical Area

December 2011 - January 2012

Metropolitan Statistical Area **Change** **% Change**

	Bowling Green MSA	-2,400	-3.9%
	Elizabethtown MSA	-300	-0.6%
	Lexington MSA	-7,200	-2.9%
	Louisville, KY-IN MSA	-10,700	-1.8%
	Owensboro MSA	-1,500	-2.9%



Statewide Change: -35,400 (-2.0%)

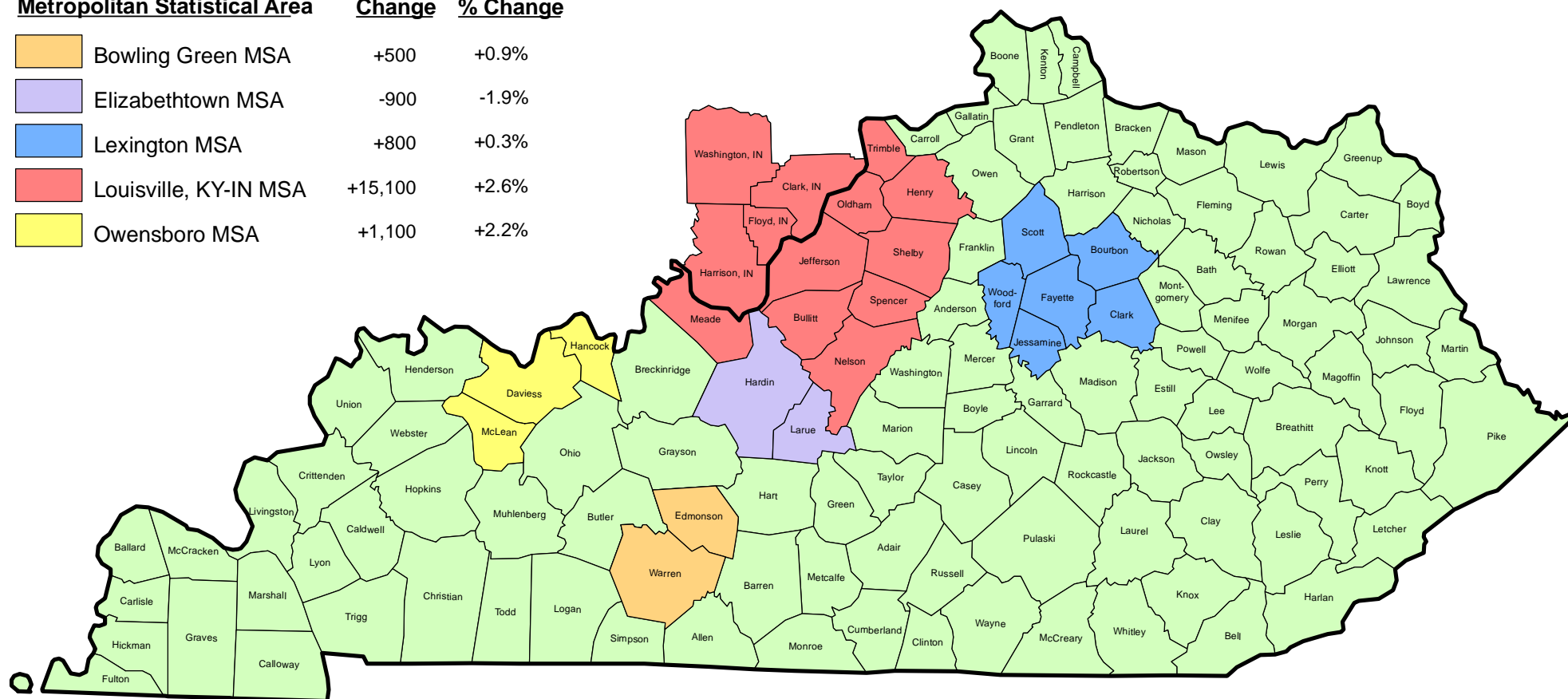
Source: Current Employment Statistics (CES)

Change in Total Nonfarm Employment by Metropolitan Statistical Area

January 2011 - January 2012

Metropolitan Statistical Area Change % Change

	Bowling Green MSA	+500	+0.9%
	Elizabethtown MSA	-900	-1.9%
	Lexington MSA	+800	+0.3%
	Louisville, KY-IN MSA	+15,100	+2.6%
	Owensboro MSA	+1,100	+2.2%



Statewide Change: +33,700 (+1.9%)

Source: Current Employment Statistics (CES)

AREA...14540-Bowling Green, KY MSA

		CHANGE FROM						
		January 2012	December 2011	January 2011	Dec-11 TO Jan-12		Jan-11 TO Jan-12	
Total Nonfarm	0	58400	60800	57900	-2,400	-3.95%	500	0.86%
Total Private	5000000	47400	49100	47000	-1,700	-3.46%	400	0.85%
Goods Producing	6000000	10700	11000	10100	-300	-2.73%	600	5.94%
Service-Providing	7000000	47700	49800	47800	-2,100	-4.22%	-100	-0.21%
Private Service Providing	8000000	36700	38100	36900	-1,400	-3.67%	-200	-0.54%
Mining, Logging and Construction	15000000	2600	2800	2300	-200	-7.14%	300	13.04%
Manufacturing	30000000	8100	8200	7800	-100	-1.22%	300	3.85%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	40000000	10500	11100	10600	-600	-5.41%	-100	-0.94%
Retail Trade	42000000	6800	7300	7000	-500	-6.85%	-200	-2.86%
Professional and Business Services	60000000	7700	7800	7200	-100	-1.28%	500	6.94%
Education and Health Services	65000000	8700	8700	8500	0	0.00%	200	2.35%
Leisure and Hospitality	70000000	6100	6300	5900	-200	-3.17%	200	3.39%
Government	90000000	11000	11700	10900	-700	-5.98%	100	0.92%
Federal Government	90910000	600	600	600	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
State Government	90920000	5500	6000	5100	-500	-8.33%	400	7.84%
Local Government	90930000	4900	5100	5200	-200	-3.92%	-300	-5.77%
Total State and Local Government	90940000	10400	11100	10300	-700	-6.31%	100	0.97%

INFORMATION, FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES AND OTHER SERVICES SHOWN ONLY IN TOTAL NONFARM, TOTAL PRIVATE, SERVICE PROVIDING AND PRIVATE SERVICE PROVIDING.

EMPLOYMENT DATA HAS BEEN ROUNDED TO THE NEAREST HUNDRED AND IS NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

AREA...21060-Elizabethtown, KY MSA

		CHANGE FROM						
		January 2012	December 2011	January 2011	Dec-11 TO Jan-12		Jan-11 TO Jan-12	
Total Nonfarm	0	46900	47200	47800	-300	-0.64%	-900	-1.88%
Total Private	5000000	32200	32500	33100	-300	-0.92%	-900	-2.72%
Goods Producing	6000000	6900	6900	6700	0	0.00%	200	2.99%
Service-Providing	7000000	40000	40300	41100	-300	-0.74%	-1,100	-2.68%
Private Service Providing	8000000	25300	25600	26400	-300	-1.17%	-1,100	-4.17%
Mining, Logging and Construction	15000000	1500	1500	1400	0	0.00%	100	7.14%
Manufacturing	30000000	5400	5400	5300	0	0.00%	100	1.89%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	40000000	7600	7800	7800	-200	-2.56%	-200	-2.56%
Retail Trade	42000000	5800	6000	5900	-200	-3.33%	-100	-1.69%
Professional and Business Services	60000000	4400	4600	4500	-200	-4.35%	-100	-2.22%
Education and Health Services	65000000	4600	4700	4700	-100	-2.13%	-100	-2.13%
Leisure and Hospitality	70000000	4300	4400	4400	-100	-2.27%	-100	-2.27%
Government	90000000	14700	14700	14700	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Federal Government	90910000	6800	6800	7000	0	0.00%	-200	-2.86%
State Government	90920000	1400	1500	1500	-100	-6.67%	-100	-6.67%
Local Government	90930000	6500	6400	6200	100	1.56%	300	4.84%
Total State and Local Government	90940000	7900	7900	7700	0	0.00%	200	2.60%

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AREA...30460-Lexington-Fayette, KY MSA

					CHANGE FROM			
		January 2012	December 2011	January 2011	Dec-11 TO Jan-12		Jan-11 TO Jan-12	
Total Nonfarm	0	243200	250400	242400	-7,200	-2.88%	800	0.33%
Total Private	5000000	194500	200200	193800	-5,700	-2.85%	700	0.36%
Goods Producing	6000000	37200	37700	37600	-500	-1.33%	-400	-1.06%
Service-Providing	7000000	206000	212700	204800	-6,700	-3.15%	1,200	0.59%
Private Service Providing	8000000	157300	162500	156200	-5,200	-3.20%	1,100	0.70%
Mining, Logging and Construction	15000000	8900	9300	9000	-400	-4.30%	-100	-1.11%
Manufacturing	30000000	28300	28400	28600	-100	-0.35%	-300	-1.05%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	40000000	45000	46000	44500	-1,000	-2.17%	500	1.12%
Wholesale Trade	41000000	9000	9100	9000	-100	-1.10%	0	0.00%
Retail Trade	42000000	27300	28000	27200	-700	-2.50%	100	0.37%
General Merchandise Stores	42452000	6400	6700	6400	-300	-4.48%	0	0.00%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	43000000	8700	8900	8300	-200	-2.25%	400	4.82%
Information	50000000	5800	5800	6300	0	0.00%	-500	-7.94%
Financial Activities	55000000	9800	10000	9800	-200	-2.00%	0	0.00%
Professional and Business Services	60000000	28600	31400	29000	-2,800	-8.92%	-400	-1.38%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	60540000	13200	13200	12500	0	0.00%	700	5.60%
Administrative and Support	60560000	14300	16100	13900	-1,800	-11.18%	400	2.88%
Education and Health Services	65000000	32800	33000	32500	-200	-0.61%	300	0.92%
Leisure and Hospitality	70000000	25400	26300	24400	-900	-3.42%	1,000	4.10%
Food Services and Drinking Places	70722000	18900	19600	18500	-700	-3.57%	400	2.16%
Other Services	80000000	9900	10000	9700	-100	-1.00%	200	2.06%
Government	90000000	48700	50200	48600	-1,500	-2.99%	100	0.21%
Federal Government	90910000	4500	4600	4700	-100	-2.17%	-200	-4.26%
State Government	90920000	25400	25900	24900	-500	-1.93%	500	2.01%
Local Government	90930000	18800	19700	19000	-900	-4.57%	-200	-1.05%
Total State and Local Government	90940000	44200	45600	43900	-1,400	-3.07%	300	0.68%

AREA...31140-LOUISVILLE MSA

CHANGE FROM

		January 2012	December 2011	January 2011	Dec-11 TO Jan-12		Jan-11 TO Jan-12	
Total Nonfarm	0	599100	609800	584000	-10,700	-1.75%	15,100	2.59%
Total Private	5000000	519300	528900	503000	-9,600	-1.82%	16,300	3.24%
Goods Producing	6000000	87800	89100	86600	-1,300	-1.46%	1,200	1.39%
Service-Providing	7000000	511300	520700	497400	-9,400	-1.81%	13,900	2.79%
Private Service Providing	8000000	431500	439800	416400	-8,300	-1.89%	15,100	3.63%
Mining, Logging and Construction	15000000	23700	25600	23200	-1,900	-7.42%	500	2.16%
Specialty Trade Contractors	15238000	15800	17200	15700	-1,400	-8.14%	100	0.64%
Manufacturing	30000000	64100	63500	63400	600	0.94%	700	1.10%
Durable Goods	31000000	39500	38600	38300	900	2.33%	1,200	3.13%
Transportation Equipment Manufacturing	31336000	11500	10400	10200	1,100	10.58%	1,300	12.75%
Non-Durable Goods	32000000	24600	24900	25100	-300	-1.20%	-500	-1.99%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	40000000	134700	138300	130600	-3,600	-2.60%	4,100	3.14%
Wholesale Trade	41000000	28400	28400	27900	0	0.00%	500	1.79%
Retail Trade	42000000	63300	64700	60200	-1,400	-2.16%	3,100	5.15%
Food and Beverage Stores	42445000	10300	10600	10500	-300	-2.83%	-200	-1.90%
General Merchandise Stores	42452000	13800	14600	13700	-800	-5.48%	100	0.73%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	43000000	43000	45200	42500	-2,200	-4.87%	500	1.18%
Information	50000000	9200	9200	9400	0	0.00%	-200	-2.13%
Financial Activities	55000000	40200	40800	40400	-600	-1.47%	-200	-0.50%
Finance and Insurance	55520000	32900	33400	33600	-500	-1.50%	-700	-2.08%
Professional and Business Services	60000000	76300	78500	70900	-2,200	-2.80%	5,400	7.62%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Ser	60540000	28900	28700	28500	200	0.70%	400	1.40%
Management of Companies and Enterpris	60550000	7000	7100	7100	-100	-1.41%	-100	-1.41%
Administrative and Support and Waste Ma	60560000	40400	42700	35300	-2,300	-5.39%	5,100	14.45%
Education and Health Services	65000000	86200	85900	84300	300	0.35%	1,900	2.25%
Ambulatory Health Care Services	65621000	27200	27500	26600	-300	-1.09%	600	2.26%
Leisure and Hospitality	70000000	60000	61800	55600	-1,800	-2.91%	4,400	7.91%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	70710000	6200	7000	6500	-800	-11.43%	-300	-4.62%
Accommodation and Food Services	70720000	53800	54800	49100	-1,000	-1.82%	4,700	9.57%
Food Services and Drinking Places	70722000	49400	50500	44600	-1,100	-2.18%	4,800	10.76%
Other Services	80000000	24900	25300	25200	-400	-1.58%	-300	-1.19%
Government	90000000	79800	80900	81000	-1,100	-1.36%	-1,200	-1.48%
Federal Government	90910000	9500	9700	10000	-200	-2.06%	-500	-5.00%
State Government	90920000	18800	19100	19700	-300	-1.57%	-900	-4.57%
Local Government	90930000	51500	52100	51300	-600	-1.15%	200	0.39%
Local Government Educational Services	90931611	29500	29800	29500	-300	-1.01%	0	0.00%
Total State and Local Government	90940000	70300	71200	71000	-900	-1.26%	-700	-0.99%

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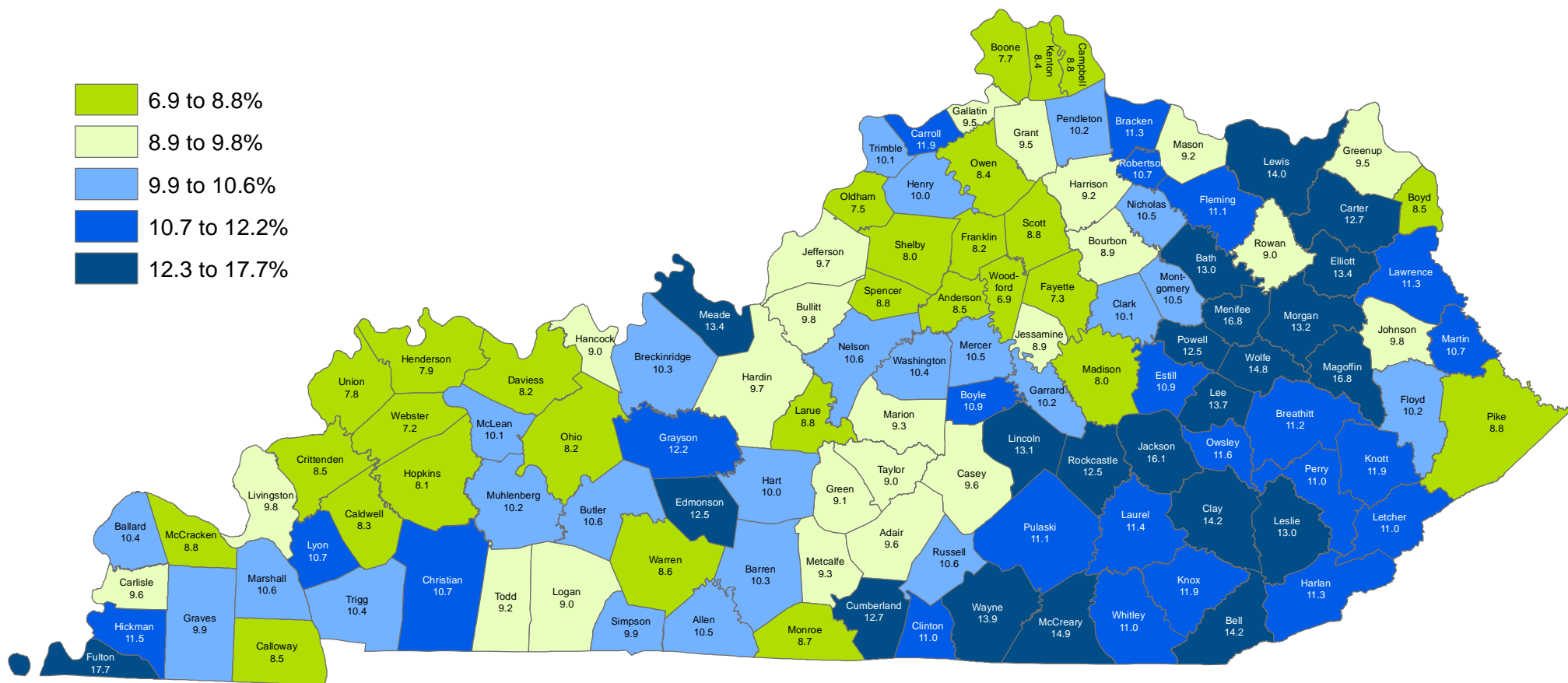
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AREA...36980-Owensboro, KY MSA

			CHANGE FROM					
			January 2012	December 2011	January 2011	Dec-11 TO Jan-12	Jan-11 TO Jan-12	
Total Nonfarm	0	50700	52200	49600	-1,500	-2.87%	1,100	2.22%
Total Private	5000000	40400	41600	39500	-1,200	-2.88%	900	2.28%
Goods Producing	6000000	10500	10900	10100	-400	-3.67%	400	3.96%
Service-Providing	7000000	40200	41300	39500	-1,100	-2.66%	700	1.77%
Private Service Providing	8000000	29900	30700	29400	-800	-2.61%	500	1.70%
Mining, Logging and Construction	15000000	2500	2700	2200	-200	-7.41%	300	13.64%
Manufacturing	30000000	8000	8200	7900	-200	-2.44%	100	1.27%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	40000000	10300	10600	10100	-300	-2.83%	200	1.98%
Wholesale Trade	41000000	1700	1700	1700	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Retail Trade	42000000	6300	6500	6100	-200	-3.08%	200	3.28%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	43000000	2300	2400	2300	-100	-4.17%	0	0.00%
Information	50000000	500	500	500	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Financial Activities	55000000	2700	2700	2800	0	0.00%	-100	-3.57%
Professional and Business Services	60000000	3900	4100	3500	-200	-4.88%	400	11.43%
Education and Health Services	65000000	6100	6200	5900	-100	-1.61%	200	3.39%
Leisure and Hospitality	70000000	4600	4700	4500	-100	-2.13%	100	2.22%
Other Services	80000000	1800	1900	2100	-100	-5.26%	-300	-14.29%
Government	90000000	10300	10600	10100	-300	-2.83%	200	1.98%
Federal Government	90910000	300	300	300	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
State Government	90920000	1500	1600	1400	-100	-6.25%	100	7.14%
Local Government	90930000	8500	8700	8400	-200	-2.30%	100	1.19%
Total State and Local Government	90940000	10000	10300	9800	-300	-2.91%	200	2.04%

Kentucky Unemployment Rates* by County

January 2012



Kentucky: 9.5%
United States: 8.8%

*Data is nonseasonally adjusted.

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Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet

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Area: U.S. City Average Item: All Items Base Period: 1982-84=100															
													Annual Average	Percent Change	
Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec		Dec-Dec	Yr-Yr
1990	127.5	128.0	128.6	128.9	129.1	129.9	130.5	131.6	132.5	133.4	133.7	134.2	130.7		
1991	134.7	134.8	134.8	135.1	135.6	136.0	136.2	136.6	137.0	137.2	137.8	138.2	136.2	3.0%	4.2%
1992	138.3	138.6	139.1	139.4	139.7	140.1	140.5	140.8	141.1	141.7	142.1	142.3	140.3	3.0%	3.0%
1993	142.8	143.1	143.3	143.8	144.2	144.3	144.5	144.8	145.0	145.6	146.0	146.3	144.5	2.8%	3.0%
1994	146.3	146.7	147.1	147.2	147.5	147.9	148.4	149.0	149.3	149.4	149.8	150.1	148.2	2.6%	2.6%
1995	150.5	150.9	151.2	151.8	152.1	152.4	152.6	152.9	153.1	153.5	153.7	153.9	152.4	2.5%	2.8%
1996	154.7	155.0	155.5	156.1	156.4	156.7	157.0	157.2	157.7	158.2	158.7	159.1	156.9	3.4%	2.9%
1997	159.4	159.7	159.8	159.9	159.9	160.2	160.4	160.8	161.2	161.5	161.7	161.8	160.5	1.7%	2.3%
1998	162.0	162.0	162.0	162.2	162.6	162.8	163.2	163.4	163.5	163.9	164.1	164.4	163.0	1.6%	1.5%
1999	164.7	164.7	164.8	165.9	166.0	166.0	166.7	167.1	167.8	168.1	168.4	168.8	166.6	2.7%	2.2%
2000	169.3	170.0	171.0	170.9	171.2	172.2	172.7	172.7	173.6	173.9	174.2	174.6	172.2	3.4%	3.4%
2001	175.6	176.0	176.1	176.4	177.3	177.7	177.4	177.4	178.1	177.6	177.5	177.4	177.0	1.6%	2.8%
2002	177.7	178.0	178.5	179.3	179.5	179.6	180.0	180.5	180.8	181.2	181.5	181.8	179.9	2.5%	1.6%
2003	182.6	183.6	183.9	183.2	182.9	183.1	183.7	184.5	185.1	184.9	185.0	185.5	184.0	2.0%	2.3%
2004	186.3	186.7	187.1	187.4	188.2	188.9	189.1	189.2	189.8	190.8	191.7	191.7	188.9	3.3%	2.7%
2005	191.6	192.4	193.1	193.7	193.6	193.7	194.9	196.1	198.8	199.1	198.1	198.1	195.3	3.3%	3.4%
2006	199.3	199.4	199.7	200.7	201.3	201.8	202.9	203.8	202.8	201.9	202.0	203.1	201.6	2.5%	3.2%
2007	203.4	204.2	205.3	205.9	206.8	207.2	207.6	207.7	208.5	209.2	210.8	211.4	207.3	4.1%	2.9%
2008	212.2	212.6	213.4	214.0	215.2	217.5	219.1	218.7	218.9	217.0	213.1	211.4	215.3	0.0%	3.8%
2009	212.0	212.8	212.6	212.7	213.0	214.7	214.7	215.5	215.9	216.5	217.1	217.3	214.6	2.8%	-0.3%
2010	217.5	217.4	217.4	217.4	217.2	217.2	217.6	218.1	218.4	219.0	219.4	220.4	218.1	1.4%	1.6%
2011	221.0	222.0	223.2	224.0	224.6	224.8	225.5	226.3	226.9	226.8	227.0	227.0	224.9	3.0%	3.1%
2012	227.5														

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